

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions of claims in the application:

1-22. (Cancelled)

23. (Currently Amended) A rack for storing billiard balls and cues, said rack comprising:

a first rack portion for releasably retaining billiard cues;

a second rack portion for attaching a billiard ball holder;

a ~~said~~ billiard ball holder attached to said second rack portion;

said billiard ball holder having an elongated body defining an elongated, ~~substantially cylindrical cavity~~ central space, said elongated ~~substantially cylindrical~~ central space ~~being having a diameter~~ configured to closely retain a plurality of billiard balls, said elongated body having an opening at one end which permits billiard balls to pass therethrough to said elongated ~~substantially cylindrical~~ central space.

24. (Previously Added) A rack for storing billiard balls and cues in accordance with claim 23 wherein:

said billiard ball holder is attached to said second rack portion in a generally upright position, whereby said end having said opening defines an upper end of said ball holder.

25. (Currently Amended) A rack for storing billiard balls and cues in accordance with claim 23 wherein:

said ball holder includes an elongated slot providing visual access to said elongated ~~substantially cylindrical~~ central space such that a user can determine whether or not billiard balls are present in said ball holder.

26. (Previously Added) A rack for storing billiard balls in accordance with claim 23 wherein:

said first rack portion includes a lower portion and an upper portion;

said lower portion having at least one lower opening configured to receive a first end of a billiard cue; and

said upper portion including at least one opening in registry with said lower opening to receive and retain a tip portion of a billiard cue and support the billiard cue in a generally upright position.

27. (New) A rack for storing billiard balls in accordance with claim 23 wherein said elongated central space defines a substantially cylindrical elongated central space having a diameter configured to closely retain a plurality of billiard balls.